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NICARAGUA.

*Report from Bluefields—Fruit port.*BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *October 31, 1901.*

SIR : I have to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended October 31, 1901 :

Population, according to census of 1894, 3,000 ; present officially estimated population, 4,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, none ; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none ; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none ; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none ; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none ; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 5. Prevailing diseases, mild type of malarial fever and pulmonary diseases. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, fairly good. The 5 deaths hereinabove noted were due, respectively, to malarial fever, pulmonary tuberculosis (2), valvular disease of the heart, and a stillbirth.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels : October 24, steamship *Condor* ; crew, 19 ; passengers from this port, none ; passengers in transit, none ; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. October 27, steamship *George W. Kelley* ; crew, 18 ; passengers from this port, 5 ; passengers in transit, none ; pieces of baggage disinfected, 3.

Respectfully,

WM. H. CARSON,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, *November 1, 1901.*

SIR : I have the honor to transmit herewith my supplemental report of transactions at this port from September 16, 1901, to and including October 31, 1901 : Number of persons vaccinated, none ; number of vessels inspected, 11 ; number of crew inspected, 213 ; number of passengers inspected, 43 ; number of pieces of baggage inspected, 53 ; number of pieces of baggage disinfected, 53. These vessels, without exception, were fruit carriers from this port to New Orleans, La. From September 15, 1901, to October 3, 1901, inclusive, there have been 26 deaths at this port and in its immediate vicinity ; none due to contagious or infectious disease, but mainly the result of malarial fever and gastrointestinal disorders.

Respectfully,

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PORTO RICO.

*Report from Ponce.*PONCE, P. R., *October 28, 1901.*

SIR : Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended October 26, 1901. During the week 2 vessels were inspected and passed, and 6 bills of health were issued, and